

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) released the following statement today after the Department of Labor released its jobs report for November:

“In a sign of continuing progress in our recovery, the Bureau of Labor Statistics report released this morning shows that our economy added 147,000 private sector jobs in November, causing the unemployment rate to drop to 7.7%. With thirty-three consecutive months of private sector job growth, more Americans are getting back to work. However, despite this month's strong gains, too many remain unemployed, and we have work left to do to solidify our economic recovery.

“Many Fifth District businesses want to commit resources towards expansion and new hiring, but are deterred by uncertainty over our nation's fiscal future. Likewise, families in Maryland and across the country are facing uncertainty over whether their taxes will increase on January 1st. Until Congress ends that uncertainty by reaching a big and balanced solution to our deficits, business and families will continue to hold back on making investments.

“House Democrats have proposed a comprehensive jobs plan, called Make It In America, that would help our businesses compete in the global marketplace and create jobs. I urge both parties to work together on deficit reduction and job creation by making a good-faith effort to avert the fiscal cliff, extend middle class tax cuts, and pass additional Make It In America legislation. These are the steps Congress must take without delay.”

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